

THE PAGE SO NICE WE TYPED IT TWICE

this is not irksome, this is

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(V O L U M E 3)

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next deadline: August 6, 1984 (phone: noon CDT Aug. 5)

standby list: Bishop, Bowen, K Brown, Dodge(after Sept.), Ehli, J Ellis, Frush,
Gautron, Iverson, Johnston, Mark Keller, Michael Keller, Luedi, Martin,
Russell, Wall, Woodson

game opening: \$6 gamefee (less any sub balance remaining, includes sub for life of
game) 2 signed up (Holley-pd, Bloecher)

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The name "Irksome" has been put out to pasture for a while; when I publish a real
zine again, I may bring it back. We'll see. For now, IRK will be a short subzine
that appears once in a while in Marc Peters' zine SO I LIED. I'm upset because the
machine ate up my first master for this page. It was a sad sight. It really was.
Since BHOMA(V3) is supposed to be a warehouse zine, I better shut up and print a
game or something.

83Krn16 BLOWUP WARIANT SET UP AFTER SPRING 1902 CALL IT BAADER-MEINHOF

This is an orphan from MANIFEST DESTINY (rip). Since MDV-3 is a real boring name,
from now on it will be named after those two famous German terrorists, Baader and
Meinhof (also rip). I'll set it up again here; I made one mistake before, Italy
has a F TUN instead of F tys. Also, Paula Dodge resigns (for reasons listed in Mensa
18 inside)...would MIKE EHLLI please take over (1715 Cottonwood, Springfield OR 97477).
I'll move the deadline for FALL 1902 and new bombs to JULY 25. The positions...

AUSTRIA(Pakel)	A BUD, A SER, A TRI, A MUN, A BOH.	so's
ENGLAND(Dancouse)	F NWG, F NWY, F NTH.	home mun ser
FRANCE(EHLI)	F POR, F LYO, A BUR, A MAR.	home
GERMANY(Anderson)	F DEN, A HOL, A BER.	home por
ITALY(Touchette)	F ROM, F ION, F TUN, A GRE.	kie ber den
RUSSIA(R Brown)	F BAL, F BOT, A LVN, A RUM, A UKR, A *	home gre
TURKEY(Da vis)	F AEG, A BUL, F EAS,	home nwy swe rum
*-RUS A(r fin, stp, OTB)		home
		n: bel hol tun bul spa

82HM NEBRASKA WINTER 1909 THE USPS LET US DOWN

Ken Iverson never received last issue, so seasons are separated.

AUSTRIA(Frush)	Even(had i ann); has A TYO, A VIE, A GAL, A BUD, A RUM.
ENGLAND(Martin)	Rem A wal; has F NAT, F ENG.
FRANCE(Bowen)	F tys r TUS; has F TUS, F BRE, A PIC, A MAR, F TUN, A BUR.
GERMANY(Wall)	Eld A BER; has A BER, A UKR, A WAR, W SIL, A BOH, F NTH, A MUN, F HEL, F EDI, F NWG, A RUH, A BEL.
ITALY(Frush)	Even; has A ROM, F NAP, A PIE.
RUSSIA(Givan)	Plays one sheet; has F BIA, F BUT, EC.
TURKEY(R Ellis)	Even; has F TYS, A SEV, F ION.

I have Spring orders from everyone but France and Italy; I don't want a four week
delay before Spring so I will mail you the Spring 1910 turn as soon as I get
those orders, hopefully by JULY 25. All draws failed; G by 3-1, GITAR by 1-3, all else
by 2-2. Nothing new is proposed. Press is on the next side.

NEBRASKA PRESS--WILL IT LOOK BETTER WHEN I TYPE WITHOUT CORRECTION FLUID??

RUS-THE WALL: See what you did? Now I've got a build and no place to put it. Wait a minute, that's not quite right. I've got something and no place to put it, though. Guess it will be wasted. Like The Wall.

MARK-EVANS: You have changed your trusty ways to that of a greedy, selfish Mad-lad-- I'm proud of you! Unfortunately, your tactics hurt me--so stop being a big jerk and take your share in the draw.

RUS-ENG: Wrong-o. Nothing of Frueh's is the truth.

THE WALL-BOWEN: And while I'm insulting Martin on his pathetic press, I'd like to say that yours is no better. Perhaps even worse, thought that would be quite a feat.

MOSCOW: Huggy, the great true bear, announces his new position as executive director of the MadLad Defamation League. Membership invitations are being printed. Repeat after Huggy: It's OK not to be a MadLad.

ROCKVILLE: Born in the USA, Died in England.((Beware the Ides of Jersey??))

RUS-GER: Huggy Bear offal? Ambrosia to the likes of you.

RUS-FRA: Persebear? You mean obearcome.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Well, do you think you could take maybe one more of my centare this year? Better get triple support to do it, though. You never know about these tricky Englishmen.

RUS-AUS: No wonder you look up to me. Someone who's 40 light years below the bottomless pit of depravity looks up to everyone.

ROCKVILLE: I was a bit disappointed by the latest Bruce album. Some great stuff, yes, but it seems like something is missing. Only four starts for this one. Still, to be "disappointed" by a **** album isn't really fair, is it? ((Then again, will Bruce be reading this? I'll give it *****--it combines the best of The River and Nebraska, and it's the tightest album he's done yet. This record is upbeat, Bruce is laughing again. I like it.))

82IU HEAT NIGHT SPRING 1909 COULD THIS BE THE MEND? WILL SOMEONE JUMP FOR 18?

winter--AUS refuses builds (3 eh); FRA F edi r OTB; rem F por, F bre; RUS refuses(2 sh)
AUSTRIA(Larzelere) F wes-MID; F tys-WES; F SPA/SC S rus F mid-por; A mm-BUR(S A RUH);
A tyo-MUN; A MAR-gas; A TUS-pie; A PIE-mar; F TUN, F LYO, A KIE H.
FRANCE(Dupont) F NAT-mid; A PAR-gas; A lon-BRE(C F ENG); A pio s A lon-bre(d, am).
RUSSIA(Cunning) A edi-LVP(S F IRI); F nth-YOR; F nwg-EDI; A bur-PIC(S A BEL);
F mid-POR; F NAF S aus F wes-mid; A sil-WAR; F bar-NWG;
F ska-NTH(S F HOL).

FALL 1909 is due AUGUST 6 (phone, 8/5 noon). There is a proposal for a draw after Fall 1909 of A/R if the center count is 17/17. NVR is NO; of course only A & R need vote on this.

Press

FRANCE-RUSSIA: Are you ready to come in MoSecond on the numbers like McHart? Where's the primary beef?

MOS-PAR: I do hope you were a good boy this winter?

PAR-WARSAB: War, having been declared on the intruder on the Marseilles dot, we welcome you to Burgundy and its rich wines, we surrender to you our English dots, and we trust you have built the new Army Warsaw for a bitter 3-way fight to the finish.

MOS-PAR: You should have heard the things they were saying about you at Mad-con! They said "Don't trust Lousy, he'll go for the win, stab him, stab him." Ah, but one must consider the source. ((Should this have been to VIE??))

GM: We also have a news article about one John Hanson, a Swede who signed the Declaration of Independence. Unfortunately, my blood is Norsk, and there's no love lost between the Norwegians and Swedes, just many jokes told. Excuse, while I go to check whether he signed with an "X"...

Now I'm stuck with some space....our move went fairly smoothly. We're in a place twice as big as before (that is, it's the size of two Volkswagens...). If you're familiar with Minneapolis, you'll recognize the address as being close to the Institute of Technology. We'll have to take my word for it.

83AV BAD BRAIN MENSA 18 FALL 1906 YET ANOTHER NEW PLAYER

retreats...ger F stp/nc r BOT; ita F smy r AEG.

AUSTRIA(J Ellis) A MUN H(S A BOH); A TYO / A mun; A GRE / rus A bul(OTM);
F ion / ita F tys-tun(NSO)(d,r apu,adr,alb,eas,OTB).

ENGLAND(Tighe) A LVP=edi.

FRANCE(K Brown) F eng-IRI; F EDI / F nth; F NTH S F edi; F WAL-lvp; F lyo-SPA/SC;
A BUR-mun(S A KIE & A RUH); F TUN S ita F tys-ion; A MAR H.

GERMANY(Reges) F BOT-swe(S F DEN).

ITALY(Michael K) F tys-ION(S F AEG & F NAP); F TRI H; A VEN-tyo.

RUSSIA(R Brown) A bul-SER; A rum-BUD; F sev-BLA; A BER S aus A ber; A SIL S A ber;
A STP H; F NWY S A swe; A SWE S ger F den;

TURKEY(Mark K) NMR; A SMY, F CON H.

the conc to I failed...R/F draw is propose

1906 so's

A ~~bld~~ vie ~~stp~~ mun gre

3 rem 2

WINTER 1906/SPRING 1907 are due

E lvp

1 even

AUGUST 6 (phone 8/5 noon). Would
CARL RUSSELL, 21 Morgan Rd, Bing-

F home spa por bal edi hol tun lon KIE 11 bld 1

G ~~stp~~ den ~~stp~~

1 rem 1

hamton NY 13903 please standby for
Turkey. Paula Dodge has resigned

I home tri ~~stp~~

4 rem 1

as Austria, Jeff Ellis takes over.
press //NVR is NO on the draw.//

R mos war sev rum nwy bul bar nwe

11 bld 3

((from Paula Dodge)):I must with-
draw with great reluctance from

BUD SER STP

T con ank SMY

3 bld 1

all my Diplomacy games. The failure

of Keith's zine ((Manifest Destiny)) plus my sudden and abrupt transfer to Manassas
VA has made it absolutely impossible to contact people...Please extend my sincere
apologies to all my game friends and put me on standby in September of this year.
Please publish this letter...

ENG-FRA:

Well come on then, I'd ~~like~~ to wind down a few games, but I'm not going to
hand it to you. Let's see some sweat.

FRA-ENG: Don't flatter yourself, one look at Kiel and you can see how far I've gone
for a truce with Germany, as for an Italian truce, even if I didn't have one you(d
be no threat. I'm just playing it safe.

DENMARK-SESLER: What good is this game without you to hate??

MOSCOW: "Me schitzoid!" screamed Tsar Ronaldovitch when reading the press of Western
nations baffled by his combinations of attacks and supports. "Who is it who doesn't
write to me. Is it me who doesn't write me? My brother in France wants Germany, Eng-
land, AND Italy and can't write a polite note asking for little favours! Yes, I could
have helped him eliminate Germany and cut Austria down another centre, but why? What
does he offer me? I don't know. He doesn't say!" And with that the Tsar fell to the
floor screaming in rage and frustration.

DENMARK-PARIS: Nuts!

VIENNA: As Jeff Ellis accepted the position of supreme commander, the rest of Europe
winoed. No one knew of who he was, or what his ambitions were for Austria. He was
quoted saying a few days back, "This country shall once again be united once and
for all. No more idle military units. No more Austrian cities taken by alien forces,
such as Trieste and Italy. We shall triumph over all obstacles, and take us to the
top!"

GERMANY-FRANCE: I made peace with no one!! How do you think I got in this deplorable
position?

ENG-GM: How many Mensa people are left in this one? It's hard to tell them apart...
((Actually, there are 4. I'll let you guess which ones...))

COA: Kevin Tighe, PO Box 103829, Anchorage AK 99510.

Maybe no one else ~~is~~ paying any attention, but not only are the Twins above .500,
they're within a game of first place. It's kind of wierd, checking the scores to
see how Chicago and California are doing, counting the games ahead instead of games
back, and actually looking forward to a 4 game series with Detroit.

83HL EXPRESSO LOVE FALL 1904 FIRST ONE BITES THE DUST

AUSTRIA(Noto)	A bud h(d,r...)
ENGLAND(Masche)	F wal-IRI; F nth-den(d,r yor,eng,ska,otb); A EDI H.
FRANCE(Tallman)	A BUR-mun; F eng-LON; F nat-LVP; A RUH-hol(S F BEL).
GERMANY(J Ellis)	A ber-KIE; A MUN & A HOL & A DEN & A ber-kie; F HEL S A hol.
ITALY(Johnston)	F wes-SPA; F tys-WES; A VEN-tri; A TRI-alb(S F ADR).
RUSSIA(Meinel)	A stp-FIN; F nwy-NTH(S F NWG); F bar-NWY; A boh-TYO;
	A rum-BUD(S A VIE); F AEG 6 tur A bul-nap.
TURKEY(Givan)	F ALB-tri(S A SER); A bul-NAP(C F ION); F EAS S F ion.

1904 sc's

A Wdd	0 out
E 164 166 edi	1 rem 2
F home bel por LON LVP	7 bld 2
G home den hol	5 even
I 166 ven rom 166 tri tun SPA	5 even
R home rum swe nwy con BUD VIE	10 bld 2
T smy ank bul ser gre NAP	6 bld 1
n 164	

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(phone 8/5 noon).

PRESS

BERLIN-PARIS: C'mon Terry! Let up alittle
bit. We can still be friends, if you would
just pick up pen and paper and write some-
time.

TUR-WORLD: We be lucky. One gone and no
MadLad as a replacement. Maybe 32768 games
is as high as they go.

GER-RUS: Gunboat? This game? Nah. I mean, I've had to receive maybe 1 letter a year
in this game, and that's from you.

TUR-RUS: Everybody gets a Con, but me. MadCon. Dallas. PeeriCon PudgeCon. And you have
my Con. I want my Con. Gimme back my Con.

ICELAND-DACHA IN SWITZERLAND: The least you could do is make up some better Carl
Russell criticism than the last relase. I mean, GET IMAGINATIVE. Carl has so many
traits that sure you could think of something better...

Hey, it looks like this is another short one. That's fine with me for now, but some-
day we may even hit the 3 page barrier. The final IRK ended up being a weaker whimper
than even I had planned, but you know how it goes.

The next Dipcon will be in Seattle. That's fine with me...it's the one site we have a
chance of getting to next summer. Terry tells me that it's especially cheap to take
the train through Canada to Vancouver. As for this summer, we won't be in Wichita for
Pudgecon, I'm afraid. Frauke's brother and a friend will be in town for all of August,
and we'll all be up north the last two weeks of the month. The date on PudgeCon is
Labor Day weekend; you can write to Bob Olsen, 6818 Winterberry Cr, Wichita KS 67226.

As for our long term plans, Frauke and I had thought of moving to Germany. Last winter
we ~~had~~ had nearly decided on it. But we've changed our minds. We won't be moving out
of south Minneapolis for a while, not to mention the USA. We may visit Germany for a
couple months next spring, but that's about it.

And so it goes...

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